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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on May 12, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The remarks do not point out why claims 58-68 are patentable in view of the prior art of record as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yasin M Bargadle whose telephone number is 703-305-5971. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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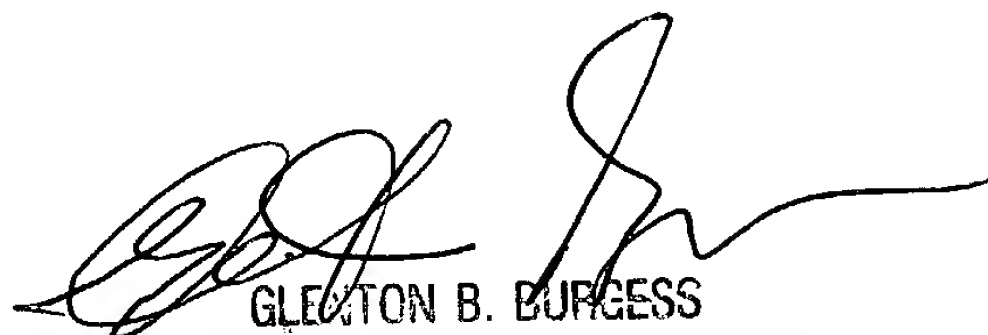
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regular communications and 703-305-5404 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-304-3900.

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